(b) whether a representation has been received from the workers and employees of the company pressing for its revival;

(c) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken in this behalf in order to protect the living and the interests of thousands of workers and employees; and

(d) whether any concrete proposal has been received from the West bengal Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) to (b) The workers of the Dunlop India Ltd. had approached the Government of West Bengal and Government of India alleging mis-management of the company.

On the basis of the complaint received from the workers of the company, the Department of Company Affairs had inspected the Book of Accounts under Section 209 of the Companies Act which have revealed violations of the several sections of the Companies Act. The Central Government have moved the Company Law Board for appointment of Government Directors of the Board of the Company.

The management of the Dunlop India Ltd. had approached BIFR for determination of measures under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985. Intir-alia, the Government of West Bengal had submitted its point of view in the matter to the BIFR during its hearing on 31.3.98.

In addition, the Government of West Bengal had also suggested setting up of a Committee of Investigation under Section 15 of the Industrial Development and Regulation Act. This has, however, not been found feasible.

Dunlop Tyre Company

1266. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Dunlop Tyre Company is lying sick for a considerable period of time resulting in extreme hardship for the employees;

(b) what steps have Government taken to arrange for its early revival so as to protect the interests of its employees;

(c) whether the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction have recommended any ways and means for its revival;

(d) whether any specific request has been made by the Government to the Industrial Development Bank of India in this behalf; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and response of the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) Government have received information alleging mis-management of Dunlop India Limited, and that the company had suspended its operations in West Bengal on 8.2.98 and in Tamil Nadu on 9.2.98.

(b) on the basis of the complaint received from the workers of the company, the Department of Company Affairs have initiated action under the provisions of the Companies Act which have revealed violations of the relevant provisions of the Act. Based on these findings, Government have moved the Company Law Board for appointment of Government Directors on the Board of the company, Separately, the Registrar of Companies has also filed prosecution for violations of the Companies Act on the basis of the said inspection.

(c) to (e) The management of the Dunlop India Ltd. had approached BIFR for determination of measures under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985. Inter-alia, the Government of West Bengal had submitted its point of view in the matter to the BIFR during its hearing on 31.3.98. BIFR had directed Industrial Devleopment Bank of India (IDBI as operating agency under Section 16(2) of the Act to enquire into the accounts of the company and submit its report within

four weeks. IDBI has since then submitted a reprot to BIFR.

Sale of Bhaiyas in Punjab

1267. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item that appeared in "The Times of India", Mumbai edition of 27th March, 1998, unde the caption "Brisk sale of Bhaiyas in Punjab mandis".;

(b) what are the comments of Government on the issue; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in prohibiting sale of human beings in future?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Displaced Textile Mill Workers in Gujarat

1268. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have extended any financial assistance to the Government of Gujarat for rehabilitation of displaced textile mill workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Textiles in a communication in November, 1997 has communicated that they have not extended any financial assistance to Government of Gujarat for rehabilitation of displaced textile mill workers. It has however been reported by the Ministry of Industry in a communication dated 6.3.98 that NRF assistance is being extended through Gandhi Labour Institute Ahmedabad for counselling, retraining and redeployment of rationalised workers in Gujarat. This department has also extended the duration of the training period to a maximum period of 6 months for 7 selected trades w.e.f. 1.10.1997.

The Ministry of Textiles has also informed that in pursuance of the statement of Textile policy of 1985 Government have set up a Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) to protect the interest of the workers rendered jobless due to permanent closure or partial closure of textile mills. the objective of TWRFS is to provide an interim relief to workers. Relief to the workers is provided only for three years on a tapering basis, 75% of wage equivalent in the first year, 50% in the the second year and 25% in the third year. The scheme is applicable through out the country.

Indians Going to Gulf countries

1269. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
PROF. RAM KAPSE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of Indians are going to Gulf countries for jobs on forged documents;

(b) if so, the number of such persons/ cases detected for the last five years ending with 31st December, 1997;

(c) the details of the action taken to stop this illegal traffic;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to modify the present system to check this illegal traffic; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) As per information available, 9419 cases of forgery by Indians at the time of entry as well as exit, to and fro in countries all over the world, during the last five years ending with 31st December, 1997 were detected.